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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2002, Paper No. 6, please consider the following.

The Examiner has required an election of species pursuant to 35 USC § 121 to one of the following patentably distinct species.

1. The first species or the embodiment of Figures 1 and 2;
2. The second species or the embodiment of Figure 3;
3. The third species or the embodiment of Figure 4;
4. The fourth species or the embodiment of Figures 5 and 6;
5. The fifth species or the embodiment of Figure 7;

6. The sixth species or the embodiment of Figure 8;
7. The seventh species or the embodiment of Figure 9;
8. The eighth species or the embodiment of Figures 10, 12, 13A through 13E, and 14A through 14C;
9. The ninth species or the embodiment of Figure 15;
10. The tenth species or the embodiment of Figures 16, 17A, and 17B;
11. The eleventh species or the embodiment of Figure 18;
12. The twelfth species or the embodiment of Figure 19;
13. The thirteenth species or the embodiment of Figure 20;
14. The fourteenth species or the embodiment of Figure 21;
15. The fifteenth species or the embodiment of Figure 22;
16. The sixteenth species or the embodiment of Figure 23;
17. The seventeenth species or the embodiment of Figures 24 and 26 through 30; and
18. The eighteenth species or the embodiment of Figures 31 and 32.

Applicant, without traverse, respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with the first species illustrated in Figures 1 and 2. Applicant believes Claims 1, 4, 5, 14, 16, 19, 20 and 29 read on the elected species. Applicant requests that the remaining species be held in abeyance for further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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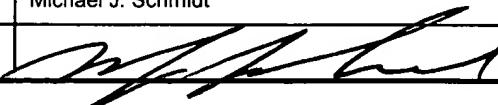
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